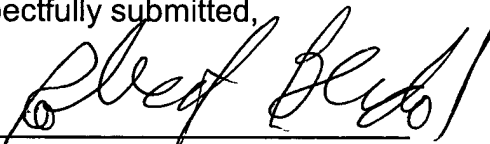


**REMARKS**

In this Preliminary Amendment Applicants amended the specification to correct an error noted during the review, changing the JP publication number from 2000-270721 to 2000-188369. It is brought to the Examiner's attention that the correct JP publication number 2000-188369 was listed on the Form PTO-1449 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 28, 2006, with the filing of the present application. Examination of the amended application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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